

Amendments to the Claims:

7 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having a top side with two pairs of floor
depressions;

a solid ceiling having a bottom side with two pairs of ceiling
depressions;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling, said back wall having:

two lower wall extensions inserted into a first of said
two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper wall extensions inserted into a first of said
two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect
said floor to said ceiling in a first vertical connection
plane; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling, said arch having:

two lower arch extensions inserted into a second of said
two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper arch extensions inserted into a second of said two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling in a second vertical connection plane different from said first vertical connection plane.

13 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having four side walls;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

each of said four side walls having a cavity and a projection, each cavity having a rectangular shape, and each projection having a rectangular shape corresponding to said rectangular shape of said cavity.

14 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having four side walls, each of said four side walls having a cavity and a projection, each cavity having a cavity recess, each projection having a projection recess;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a fastener being disposed in each of said cavity recess and said projection recess.

15 (original). The toy according to claim 14, wherein said fastener is a magnet and ferrum pair.

23 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having four side walls, each of said four side walls having a cavity and a projection, each cavity having a

rectangular shape, and each projection having a rectangular shape corresponding to said rectangular shape of said cavity;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling.

24 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having four side walls, each of said four side walls having a cavity and a projection, each cavity having a cavity recess, each projection having a projection recess;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a fastener being disposed in each of said cavity recess and said projection recess.

25 (original). The toy according to claim 24, wherein said fastener is a magnet and ferrum pair.

28 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having four floor side walls, each of said four floor side walls having a floor cavity and a floor projection, and said cavity and said projection being staggered with respect to said floor cavity and said floor projection;

a solid ceiling having four side walls, each of said four side walls having a cavity and a projection;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling.

30 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having a top side and four side walls, said four side walls and said top side forming a one-piece open box;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a plate connected to said open box and closing said open box.

31 (currently amended). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having a top side defining a plane, said top side having four edges and four flanges each ~~at least one~~ flange projecting ~~transverse~~ transversely to said plane in a vicinity of a respective one of said four edges;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling.

32 (canceled).

33 (currently amended). ~~The toy according to claim 31,~~
~~wherein:~~ A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having said a top side [[has]] with four edges, said top side defining a plane and having said at least one flange is four pairs of flanges projecting transverse to said plane, each of said pairs project projecting transversely to said plane [[the]] in a vicinity of a respective one of said four edges; [[and]]

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling.

34 (currently amended). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having a top side with four edges and flanges projecting from said top side;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a roof removably connected to said top side by said flanges.

37 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having floor depressions;

a solid ceiling having ceiling depressions;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling, said back wall having wall extensions, said wall extensions having a bore with a thread for receiving a screw, at least one of said wall extensions being inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said wall extensions being inserted into at least one of said

ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling, said arch having arch extensions, at least one of said arch extensions being inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said arch extensions being inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling.

43 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having floor depressions;

a solid ceiling having ceiling depressions;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling, said back wall having wall extensions, at least one of said wall extensions being inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said wall extensions being inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling, said arch having arch extensions, at least one of said arch extensions being inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said arch extensions being inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling, each of said arch extensions having a bore with a thread for receiving a screw.

45 (previously presented). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

said floor, said ceiling, and at least one of said back wall and said arch define a side opening; and

a side wall being removably connected at said side opening.

46 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall has at least one connector for removably securing said side wall at said side opening.

47 (original). The toy according to claim 46, wherein said at least one connector is at least one tongue.

48 (original). The toy according to claim 46, wherein:

said side wall has four edges;

said at least one connector is at least four tongues; and

at least one of said at least four tongues is disposed in the vicinity of each of said four edges.

49 (original). The toy according to claim 47, wherein at least one of said floor, said ceiling, said back wall, and said arch has a groove corresponding to said at least one tongue.

50 (original). The toy according to claim 47, wherein:

said at least one tongue is at least four tongues; and

each of said floor, said ceiling, said back wall, and said arch has at least one groove corresponding to at least one of said at least four tongues.

51 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall is a one-piece, injection molded part.

52 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall has a solid window.

53 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall has a shuttered window.

54 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall has a door.

55 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein:

said back wall has:

four plugs;

two side walls; and

a rear wall.

56 (original). The toy according to claim 55, wherein said rear wall extends at right angles to each of said two side walls.

57 (original). The toy according to claim 55, wherein said four plugs, said two side walls, and said rear wall are formed as a one-piece injection molded part.

58 (original). The toy according to claim 45, wherein said side wall is at least two interchangeable side walls.

69 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor having a top side with two pairs of floor depressions;

a solid ceiling having a bottom side with two pairs of ceiling depressions;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling, said back wall having:

two lower wall extensions inserted into a first of
said two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper wall extensions inserted into a first of
said two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently
connect said solid floor to said solid ceiling in a
first vertical connection plane;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling, said arch having:

two lower arch extensions inserted into a second of
said two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper arch extensions inserted into a second of
said two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently
connect said floor to said ceiling in a second
vertical connection plane different from said first
vertical connection plane; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure.

70 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure;

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure having a first floor shape;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure having a second floor shape substantially identical to said first floor shape;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure having a first ceiling shape;

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure having second ceiling shape substantially identical to said first ceiling shape;

said back wall of said first fixed supporting structure having a first back wall shape;

said back wall of said second fixed supporting structure having a second back wall shape substantially identical to said first back wall shape;

said arch of said first fixed supporting structure having a first arch shape; and

said arch of said second fixed supporting structure having a second arch shape substantially identical to said first arch shape.

71 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration,
comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each
having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure;

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure having an
exterior shape;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure having a
second exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior
shape;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure having a third exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape; and

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure having a fourth exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape.

72 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure;

said back wall of said first fixed supporting structure having
an exterior shape;

said back wall of said second fixed supporting structure
having a second exterior shape substantially identical to said
exterior shape;

said arch of said first fixed supporting structure having a
third exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior
shape; and

said arch of said second fixed supporting structure having a
fourth exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior
shape.

73 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration,
comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each
having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure having
four first side walls each with a first cavity and a first
projection;

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure having
four second side walls each with a second cavity and a second
projection; and

said first projection being removably inserted into said
second cavity and said second projection being removably
inserted into said first cavity when said ceiling of said
first fixed supporting structure is placed adjacent said
ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure.

74 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure;

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure having four first floor side walls each with a first floor cavity and a first floor projection;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure having four first ceiling side walls each with a first ceiling cavity and a first ceiling projection;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure having four second floor side walls each with a second floor cavity and a second floor projection;

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure having four second ceiling side walls each with a second ceiling cavity and a second ceiling projection; and

when said floor of said first fixed supporting structure is placed immediately adjacent said floor of said second fixed supporting structure and said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure is simultaneously placed immediately adjacent said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure:

said first floor projection, said second floor projection, said first ceiling projection, and said second ceiling projection being simultaneously removably inserted into a respective one of said second floor cavity, said first floor cavity, said second ceiling cavity, and said first ceiling cavity.

77 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure, said first fixed supporting structure being a cube having a given length, a given width, and a given height;

said second fixed supporting structure being a cube having said given length, said given width, and said given height; and

said first fixed supporting structure having six sides and being removably connectable to said second fixed supporting structure at every one of said six sides.

78 (original). The toy configuration according to claim 77, wherein each of said first and second fixed supporting structures have six sides and one of said first and second fixed supporting structures is removably connectable to another of said first and second fixed supporting structures at every one of said six sides.

80 (amended). ~~The toy configuration according to claim 79,~~
~~wherein:~~ A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor having a bottom side;

a solid ceiling having a top side with a connector for
releasably connecting another of said fixed supporting
structures on said top side, said connector releasably
~~connects~~ connecting a top side of one of said fixed

supporting structures to said bottom side of another of
said fixed supporting structures;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling; and

said first fixed supporting structure being removably
connected to said second fixed supporting structure.

81 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration,
comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each
having:

a solid floor having a bottom side;

a solid ceiling having a top side with a connector for
releasably connecting another of said fixed supporting
structures on said top side, said connector releasably
connecting a top side of one of said fixed supporting

structures to said bottom side of another of said fixed
supporting structures;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling;

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure;

said connector having two parts;

a first of said two parts being disposed on said top side; and

a second of said two parts being disposed on said bottom side.

82 (original). The toy configuration according to claim 81,
wherein:

a first of said two parts is a flange; and

a second of said two parts is a groove.

83 (original). The toy configuration according to claim 81,
wherein:

a first of said two parts is a rectangular stud having a given
length, a given width, and a given height; and

a second of said two parts is a receptacle having said given
length, said given width, and said given height.

85 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration,
comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each
having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling, said ceiling having a top side with a
connector for releasably connecting another of said fixed
supporting structures on said top side, said connector
being a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor
to said ceiling; and

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure.

86 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration,
comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each
having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling, said ceiling having a top side with a
connector for releasably connecting another of said fixed
supporting structures on said top side, said connector
being eight flanges;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to
said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said
ceiling; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to
said second fixed supporting structure.

87 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having a top side;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a roof removably connected to said top side; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure.

88 (previously presented). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor;

a solid ceiling having a top side with a connector;

a solid back wall permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch permanently connecting said floor to said ceiling; and

a roof removably connected to said top side by said connector; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure.

89 (original). The toy configuration according to claim 88, wherein:

said connector is flanges projecting from said top side; and

said roof is removably connected to said top side by said
flanges.